



RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF INTENTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO TO AMEND THE OAK WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2004, the Board of Supervisors adopted the General Plan, which identifies planned land uses and infrastructure for physical development in the unincorporated areas of the County of El Dorado; and

WHEREAS, the court decision overturning the Oak Woodland Management Plan (OWMP) has prompted the County to address, at a minimum, the implementation of certain oak tree policies in the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2012, the Board determined that all the related biological policies should be reviewed and considered for revisions to ensure that the goals and objectives of the General Plan can be achieved; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2014, the Board determined that a combination mitigation/conservation approach to redefine the County's program for management of and mitigation for biological resource impacts and implementation of the OWMP, specifically related to Option B of General Plan Policy 7.4.4.4 (oak woodland in-lieu fee option), in place of implementation of the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (INRMP), shall be considered; and

WHEREAS, the Board held five (5) workshops to discuss ten (10) key project decision points that have informed the preparation of draft policy amendments, revisions to the OWMP and related General Plan Implementation Measures.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors will set a public hearing to consider proposed amendments to the OWMP as described below; and

- Re-title the OWMP to Oak Resources Management Plan (ORMP), consistent with General Plan Implementation Measure CO-P;
- Include measures to address impacts and mitigation to individual native oak trees, Heritage Trees, and oak woodlands;
- Include relevant information from the previous plan (2008) and the County's Interim Interpretive Guidelines for General Plan Policy 7.4.4.4 (Option A);
- Include oak woodland impacts measured by oak woodland extent, not canopy cover;
- Include specific definition of Heritage Trees based on tree species and trunk diameter measurement;
- Include revisions to exemptions and mitigation reductions, and consolidated to apply all oak resources impacts, with minor exceptions (i.e., affordable housing reductions applied only to oak woodlands and no exemptions for Heritage Tree impacts);

- Remove canopy cover retention requirements and replace with an incentive-based approach that requires higher mitigation ratios with increased level of oak woodland impacts;
- Establish two-tiered mitigation approach to clearly outline mitigation requirements for impacts to individual native oak trees, Heritage Trees, and oak woodlands;
- Clarify mitigation options to include tree planting, conservation, and in-lieu fee payment;
- Update oak woodland in-lieu fee amount and identification of an in-lieu amount for individual tree mitigation;
- Identify permit requirements for impacts to oak resources;
- Add standards for identifying oak woodland mitigation areas outside of PCAs; and
- Establish definitions and terminology consistent between the General Plan and the ORMP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Community Development Agency, Long Range Planning division to proceed with the preparation of all necessary documentation and CEQA review requirements pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Community Development Agency, Long Range Planning, to proceed with the preparation of the above-said hearing.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 22nd day of June 2015, by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:
James S. Mitrisin
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ayes:
Noes:
Absent:

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Chair, Board of Supervisors